DISCOVERIES IN NATURAL HISTORY STRANGE AND EXCITING.

Fearsome Creatures of the Forests Almost Unknown Up to the Present Time-The Roperite and the Snoligoster—How the Slide-rock Bolter Gets Its Prey. The Squnk and Its Peculiar Habits—Recent Facts About the Whintoser and Gumberoo.

ging campe in more or less remote regions, and learned a great deal about
the creatures in question from "lumber
jacks" and other experienced persons
who had seen them.

Lassoes Jackrabbits.

It was in this way that he first
heard about the roperite, one of the
most remarkable of these beasts, which
convices on the end of its nose a sort

carries on the end of its nose a sort of running nose. In fact, this pro-longation of its shout takes the form of a lasse, with which the animal cap-tures jackrabblis and other prey, pur-suing the latter with enormous leaps and bounds and uttering the white fero-cious yells that can be heard for miles No one seems to know with definite-

ICH that was hitherto regarded as mysterious in regard to certain little-known and feroclous animals impositing the forests of this country has been made clear by the investigations of an eminent faunal naturalist. William T. Cox. Mr. Cox. who is now state forester of Minnesota, with headquarters at St. Paul, was for many rears connected with the government forest service. Incidental to his duties he spent many months in log-cling campe in more or less remots regions, and learned a great deal about when in pursuit of game, thus produc-ing a whirring sound like that of a giant rattlesnake.

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The fact that the animals discussed by Mr. Cox in a book just published by the Buth company, St. Paul (of which the writer is permitted to make the first review), are so little known is mainly attributable, first, to the rareness of the species concerned, and second, to their seciusion in the densest and least-explored forests, where favnal naturalists generally have not had a chance to come at or describe them.

The Bangerous Snoligoster.

Thus the strange and dangerous

and bounds and uttering the while ferocious yells that can be heard for miles
No one seems to know with definiteness anything about its life history, and
many a discussion has been based on
the question whether it is born,

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Fig. It is of enermous size and feeds exclusively on human beings—particularly negro pickaninnies. In form it resembles a huge crocodile, but is covered with long, glossy fur and has no legs or fins, except one long spike on its back. To enable it to travel through the muddy waters in which if the stall thus loosen.

At the right moment after sighting a tourist it will lift its tall thus loosen. lives, nature has provided it with an arrangement of three bony plates on the end of its tail, much resembling the propeller of a steamboat. These, however, serve an additional purpose, for, when the creature catches a colored paragraph it toware the victim in ored person it tosses the victim up and backward so as to impale him upon the spike-fin. The snollgoster's tall is then driven into the mud and revolves until a hole is scooped out.

wherein the prey is deposited and cov-ered up, to furnish a subsequent meal. ered up, to furnish a subsequent meal.

The squonk is Harmless.

The squonk on the other hand, is an entirely harmless, though very curlous, beast. It is said to be fairly common in the hemlock forests of Pennsylvania, and it travels about only at twilight. Because of its misfitting skin, which is covered with warts and moles, it is always unhappy. Hunters are able to follow the squonk by its fear-stained trail, for the animal weeps constantly. When cornered and escape seems impossible, it may even dissolve itself in tears. On frosty, moonlight nights, it is often heard weeping under the boughs of dark hemlock trees. J. P. Wentling, formerly of Pennsylvania, but now residing at St. Anthony Park, Minn., had a disappointing experience with a squonk near Mont Aito. He made a clever capture by mimicking the squonk and inducing it to hop into a sack, in which he was carrying it home, when suddenly the burden lightened and the weening cased. it home, when suddenly the burden lightened and the weeping ceased. Wentling unslung the stack and looked in. There was nothing but tears and bubbles.

Every lumber region (says Mr. Cox) has its strange animals, almost or wholly unknown to science. Thus in the foggy country along the Pacific coast, from Grays harbor to Humboldt bay, there ranges a kind of creature that has caused much annoyance. This is the gumberoo, which, fortunately, is so rare that a specimen is seen only the in a long while.

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is so rare that a specimen is seen only suce in a long while. It is believed to remain in hiding most of the time inside of huge, burned-out cedar trees, from which it sailles forth on marauding expeditions. Occasionally it will eat a whole horse at one sitting.

No other animal within its range has ever found a successful method of attacking a gumberso. Whatever strikes the beast bounds off. A stone thrown at it is liable to rebound from its clastic hide in such a way as to strike the at it is liable to rebound from its elastic hide in such a way as to strike the thrower a deadly blow. Even bullets are similarly shed. The scarcity of gumberoos is thought to be due to their combustible character, and the prevalence of forest fires. Fire, indeed, is the only thing that will destroy them, and they burn like celluloid, with explosive force. Frequently during and after a forest fire in the heavy cedars near Coos bay, woodsmen have insist-

and they burn like celluloid, with explosive force. Frequently during and after a forest fire in the heavy cedars near Coos bay, woodsmen have insisted that they heard loud reports, quite ualike the sound of falling trees, and detected the smell of burning rubber in the air.

An Unfortunate Animal, It is a sadness to speak of the Funeral mountain terrashot, which is certainly the most unfortunate of animals. From it probably comes the name of the Funeral range in California. The creature has a coffin-shaped body, six to eight feet long, with a flat shell running the whols length of its back it was first seen and reported by some Mormon emigrants, who observed a peculiar procession entering the desert from a gestain range of mountains aft. peculiar procession entering the descri-from a certain range of mountains, aft-erward named the Funeral mountains They witnessed the tragic fate of the

They witnessed the tragic fate of the brutes.

One of the Mormons, his curlosity aroused made an investigation, which resulted in finding out all that is known of the terrashob. It seems that the animal lives in the little meadows and parks in the higher purtions of the range, where it gradually increases in numbers until selzed by a strange impulse to migrate. The beasts then form long processions and march in single file down into the desert valley, presumably with the intention of crossing to other ranges, that can be brutes, and the native, with its evil-

ley, presumably with the intention of crossing to other ranges, that can be seen in the distance. Not one of them, however, ever gets across. As they encounter the hot sands they rapidly swell with the heat, and one after an other they blow up with resounding reports, leaving deep, grave-shaped holes in the sand.

Tourists Fear Slide-Rock Bolter.

In the mountains of Colorado, where in summer the woods are becoming infested with tourists, much uneasines has been caused by the slide-rock bolter. This frightful animal lives only in the steepest mountain country, in the steepest mountain country, and importance of his religion. At sundown, at midday and at other appointed hours of prayer, you will at given before I die!"

amusement, and fall on their knees and luxurious circle, or whether you go deeper into circle, or whether you go deeper into the life, ways and habits of the natives, lits beautiful and bitzarre the life, ways and habits of the natives, lits beautiful and bitzarre of the life, ways and habits of the natives, lits beautiful and bitzarre of the life, ways and habits of the natives, lits beautiful and bitzarre of the life, ways and habits of the natives, lits beautiful and bitzarre of the life, ways and habits of the natives, lits beautiful and bitzarre of the life, ways and habits of the natives, lits beautiful and bitzarre of the life, ways and habits of the instance of the life, ways and habits of the natives, lits beautiful and bitzarre of the life, ways and habits of the natives, lits beautiful and bitzarre of the life, ways and habits of the natives, lits beautiful and bitzarre of the life, ways and habits of the life, ways

At the right moment after sighting a tourist it will lift its tail, thus loosening its hold on the meuntains, and, drooling thin skid grease from the corners of its mouth (thus greatly accelerating its speed), comes down like a tokoggan, scooping in its victim as it goes, its own impetus carrying it up to the next slove, where it it again to the next slope, where it it again slaps its tail over the ridge and waits. A forest ranger, whose district includes the rough country between Ophir Peaks and the Lizard Head, conceived the idea of decoying a slidereck boiter to its own destruction. A dummy tourist was rigged up, with plaid Norfolk lacket, knee breeches and a gulde book of Colorado. It was then filled with giant powder and fulminate caps, and posted in a conspicuous place, where, sure enough, the next day it attracted the attention of a bolter which had been hauging, for days on the slope of Lizard Head. The resulting explosion flattened half the buildings in Rico, which were never remails

### Years of Suffering

Catarrh and Blood Disease -Doctors Failed to Cure.

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WOMEN WITHOUT-WEILS GET NO RESPECT IN CAIRO, THE MOST EVIL GITY OF THE EAST

E. Almaz Stout

POR THOSE who go for the first and prostrate themselves, touching the ground with their forcheads, while they cry aloud their prayers and praise Allah. Cairo will not disappoint them. The dazzling whiteness of the buildings and mosques against the deep blue curtain of the cloudless sky, the brilliant green of the vegetation, the profusion and riotous color of the flowers, the strange and pictures are garments of strange and picturesque garments of the men and women, all go to make up a picture which delights your eye at the time and never fades from your

wanting in modesty, and hence unworthy of respect, and he jostles and insults her accordingly in a way which rouses her justifiable, but useless, in-

just a word ought to be said about the whintesser. This creature, seen occasionally slong the coast tranges of California, is of no great size, but remarkably constructed. Its head is fastened to its body by a swirel neck, and so likewise is its about farening tail days on the slope of Lizard Head. The resulting explosion flattened half the buildings in Rico, which were never rebuilt.

Animal With Telescopic Legs.

In the chaparral and foothill forests of California is found the Tripodero—an animal with two telescopic legs and a tail like a kangaroo's. This peculiarity of structure enables the creature to elevate itself at will, so that it may tower above the dense chaparral, or, if it chooses, to pull in its legs and assume a compact form for crowding through the brush. Its head is nearly all snort, and it kills its prey by discharging from the end thereof pellets of sun-dried clay, which are projected at the target with astonishing force and accuracy.

For lack of space reference can be made here only to a few of the interesting and little-known animals described by Mr. Cox; but, in conclusion.

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A cat's nine lives are as nothing to the ones possessed by a whintosser. This beast may be shot, clubbed or strung on a pike pole without stopping its wriggling, whirling motions or its wriggling, whirling motions at all the few ones possessed by a whintosser. The ones posse

The great playground of the English colony in Cairo is the Sporting club in the island of Ghezireh, in the Nile. colony in Cairo is the Sporting club in the island of Ghezireh, in the Nile. Here a man can get tennis, golf, cricket, football, polo, racing, racquets, etc., to his hearts content. And it is to this vast and beautiful playground that English soldlers and civilian residents ewe their health, the "hardness" which is a Britan's prerogative and which he might forfelt in an enervating climate, a luxurious, pleasure-loving town, if he were not able to exercise his body in the way he has learned to do at home.

There is one expedition that no one, however short his stay in Egypt may be, can afford to miss, and that is a visit to the pyramids by night as well as day. A wenderful straight road of about eight miles—slong which electric trains—shade of Cleopagra! electric trains to the pyramids—running regularly, are to be seen—leads from Cairo out into the heart of the desert and the visit of the meant of the desert and

out into the heart of the desert and the site of the great pyramids and

the site of the great pyramids and sphinx.

The first view of the pyramids as you approach them by road is almost disappointing, because you do not realize their vast bulk, especially in that clear atmosphere; but, seen by moonlight, they become invested with a majesty whose influence never quite fades from your mind.

One other sight is worth taking a little trouble to see, and that is the performances of the dahcing and howling Dervishes. I believe public exhibitions are now forbidden, but by dint of a little 'backsheesis' you can be admitted, as I was to a room where they still hold this quaint and amaring performance, which is to them religious. Whether you only lead the life of a butterfly, flitting from one social amusement to another in the English circle, or whisther you go deeper into

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